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Applicant Microsoft Corporation
4 Group Art Unit 2126
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5 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-796US
Title: Interprocess Communication Mechanism For Heterogeneous Computer
6 Processes

7 **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

8 **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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14 **AMENDMENTS**

15 **In the Claims**

16 No claims have been amended.

17 Claims 16-21 were previously canceled.

18 Claims 1-15 and 22-36 are pending and are listed following:

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